

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2444 – SB 2523

January 30, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all municipal and county elections to be non-partisan.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease Local Expenditures - \$3,530,000/FY13-14 and Every Four Years
Thereafter**

Assumptions:

- According to the Coordinator of Elections, the May county primary election which is held every two years will be eliminated. The Coordinator's Office surveyed the counties that hold May county primaries to determine the savings to local governments.
- Approximately 55 counties hold a county primary election every two years in May (in presidential election years, counties hold their county primary with the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP), the cost of which is paid with state funds).
- The savings to local governments will occur every four years beginning in FY13-14 (when the May primary election would have been held in absence of the bill).
- Those counties having a county primary every two years hold one county primary with the Presidential Preference Primary election every four years. One May primary election is a stand-alone election.
- Eliminating the May county primary election will result in a cost savings for the holding of one election (the May primary which is held in those years when the Presidential Preference Primary is not held).
- Approximately 40 counties do not hold a county primary.
- Municipalities are currently non-partisan elections.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, the decrease in local expenditures in FY13-14, and every four years thereafter, will be \$3,530,031.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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